

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHWEST.

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

SWEDEN.

The king of Sweden is always on the alert to reward meritorious deeds performed by Swedes anywhere in the world. A few days ago the Order of Vasa, one of the oldest orders of Sweden, was conferred by King Gustaf upon State Senator Joseph A. Jackson of St. Paul, Minn. The ceremony took place at the home of Carl E. Wallerstedt, Swedish consul at St. Paul. The decoration symbol of the order, a gem-settled gold star, was pinned upon Mr. Jackson by Mr. Wallerstedt, acting for the king in making the presentation, which was a surprise to Mr. Jackson. The decoration was conferred in recognition of the services of Mr. Jackson as vice-consul at St. Paul, which position he held for a number of years previous to his election to the state senate last November. Sixteen guests were present at the dinner given to celebrate the event. They included former Governor A. O. Eberhart and Mrs. Eberhart, Colonel and Mrs. David Walborn of St. Paul, General and Mrs. S. E. Olson, Dr. Victor Nilsson, Miss Emma Nilsson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flawn of St. Paul, and Charles A. Smith, formerly of Minneapolis, now living at Oakland, Cal.

Young Peter Raad of Raadsgor lived on the south side of the German line, and of course he had to go to war. A report came that he had been wounded and that he was hard up at the hospital at Namur. His fiance resolved to go there and nurse him, and after a series of hardships she arrived at his bedside. The young man's joy was boundless. Arrangements were soon made so that she could nurse him and also a number of his comrades. The consummation was a happy one, for the young man recovered.

At the beginning of the war five Finnish ships were at anchor at Abohaven, and they were captured by the German authorities. The crews were kept at their own expense as long as they had money. But when their funds were exhausted they were simply sent across the Danish border line. A report was sent to the Russian consulate at Copenhagen, and the men were finally cared for at the expense of the Russian government.

A Copenhagen dispatch gives the substance of an interview with the Danish premier, C. T. Zabel, printed in the National Tidende, in which the premier stated that an investigation had proved that the rumors that Denmark was exporting contraband to Germany were without foundation.

NORWAY.

A man who keeps a close watch on the political life of Norway has found indications of a new party. Its motto will be, he says: "Till the soil, and protect the country." And it will be a young people's party as a starter. Certain portions of the young people of the country have a strong faith in the future of Norway, and they do not hesitate to demand an effective army and navy. In spite of the marvelous development of the industries of the country they hold that agriculture, now as in the past, must be the backbone of the country. The party will be looked upon as conservative, or even reactionary, by those elements that are dabbling in socialist experiments. The new party will not call upon the state to take a helping hand in everything that is to be done. Those who live a few months longer will have a chance to see whether such a party is really going to spring up out of the present paternalistic chaos.

A young man who was drafted for service in the Norrbotten regiment protested on the ground that one of his feet had been injured. The physicians could not find any fault with the limb, and it was proposed to court-martial the young man. Fortunately for him a hospital doctor at Boden took an X-ray picture of his foot, and this showed that the big toe in the foot had been broken. This was sufficient to clear the man.

With regard to the meeting of the kings of Scandinavia at Malmö, the Socialdemokraten says: "At Malmö, in 1914, the son of King Oscar II puts the finishing touches to the settlement with Norway in 1905, which redounds to the perpetual honor of his father; and at the same time a new and broader union of peace is established between the three Scandinavian countries on the basis of liberty and equality."

The German press shows a general tendency to look upon the meeting of the three kings of Scandinavia at Malmö as a sign that those countries are going to unite their efforts to induce England to treat their ocean traffic less harshly than she has been doing during the last few weeks.

The Omega milking machine, which is manufactured by a Swedish firm, received the first prize at a London dairy exposition. This gives strong color to the assertion that the Omega is the best milking machine on the market so far.

The government has prohibited the manufacture of alcohol and distilled liquors except for industrial purposes. The prohibition will be in force until the latter part of May.

A single parish in Smaland exported lingon berries for \$9,000 last fall. Many families picked berries valued at \$100 to \$150 during the season. In most cases the berries are found on the property of the pickers, and the proceeds are all profits.

The mail carriers of the cities of Sweden have asked the government to furnish them with electric pocket lamps for using in dark hallways, where they often have to read numbers and names on doors where there is no light.

Tidholm went "dry" with a vengeance. There are no saloons, of course. But the trouble does not end there. There was only one hotel in town. Now the keeper of this will close because it does not pay to run it unless he can sell liquor.

A business firm has been organized in Österfors for the purpose of supplying the match factories of Sweden with raw materials. The contracts already closed call for about one thousand carloads of poplar blocks a year.

DENMARK.

The Politiken printed the following message from King Albert of Belgium: "I am deeply touched by your telegram in which you express the heartfelt feeling of sympathy for Belgium. The Scandinavian people have contributed greatly toward mitigating the sufferings of my people, who had faith in treaties and devoted themselves to the defense of their honor. I appreciate especially the great sympathy shown by the Scandinavian nations. The Scandinavians' glorious history demonstrates the high spirit of independence which animates the Scandinavian peoples. Please give my best thanks to all noble-minded and generous donors in Scandinavia. Albert, King of Belgium."

SAYS THEORY OF POLICE IS WRONG

DETROIT EXPERT THINKS LAUNDRY GIRL WAS NOT BURNED IN FURNACE.

HEAT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT

Saginaw Authorities Admit Evidence Against Negro is Circumstantial and That Girl May Still Live.

Saginaw.—The theory of the Saginaw police that Charles Kimbrough, the Negro under arrest charged with the murder of Rose Laundry, cremated her body in the furnace of the factory where he was employed, is untenable, according to Henry J. Stahl, superintendent of the Detroit Crematorium.

"In the first place," said Mr. Stahl, who has had many years of experience in the destruction of human bodies by heat, "the ordinary steam furnace seldom develops a heat of over 300 to 400 degrees. This would be under favorable conditions and after the fire had been kept briskly burning for some time. This heat would take hours to burn the bones to a point where they could be crumpled or broken up without the use of a crusher."

"In our plant here, where we develop nearly 3,000 degrees of heat, we have forced drafts driven by electric motors; fuel oil that is fanned to white hot blaze, a sealed vault that retains every degree of heat and a steady flame is forced on to the body by the air pressure."

"We admit the possibility that Rose Laundry is still alive," said the head of the Saginaw police force when told of the statement.

"We have nothing but circumstantial evidence in the matter. The child disappeared near the factory. Kimbrough was in the factory when she disappeared, the bones which an expert says are human bones were found in the furnace, and there you are. You know as much about it as we do, but the circumstances point to the theory that the girl was burned. We have run down every other clue, and this is the only one that seems to have any basis."

HUTCHINS TO BE RETAINED

Regents of University of Michigan Will Reappoint President.

Ann Arbor—Prof. Harry Burns Hutchins will be reappointed president of the university when his five-year term expires June 29, 1915.

He will thus be able to carry forward a number of plans the regents have formed which will advance Ann Arbor still higher and farther among the universities of the country—projects which will make it more widely useful and stronger in all departments.

President Hutchins' reappointment will be effective for two years or thereabouts. He will be 70 years old April 8, 1917, and has often said he would retire from academic work when he reached three score and ten.

Gets Verdict for \$6,000.

Kalamazoo.—After being out 11 hours, the jury in the damage suit of A. K. Edwards against the Lake Shore, returned a verdict of \$6,000 against the company.

Edwards sued for damages because of injuries he sustained when his motor car was struck at a crossing in this city two years ago. Mrs. A. B. Cornell was killed and Mrs. Edwards seriously injured. Edwards is crippled as a result of his injuries. He sued for \$25,000.

Kills Himself By Cradle.

Flint.—In a room where his 18-month-old baby lay in its cradle, Otto H. Doan, 23, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, killed himself Saturday night while his wife was visiting a neighbor.

She came home to find him lying dead across the bed.

Trouble that led to his quitting his job in a local factory because of an argument with a foreman, is blamed for the suicide. He had held the place five years.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

The state's share of the bill for cattle killed during the fight against the hoof and mouth disease last fall is about \$110,000. Claims for this amount will be taken to Lansing for official approval previous to payment out of the state's general fund.

The midwinter meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural society will be held in Muskegon Feb. 2 and 3.

The common council of Saginaw has ordered a special election for February 17, to submit the \$750,000 bonding proposition for a municipal lighting plant. The bid of the Saginaw Power Co. to furnish electricity was received. It provides for reduction about 31 per cent to the domestic consumers, and about 50 per cent to the smaller power users, and the cost of the street lights is reduced to 10¢ per lamp.

John Hennard, of Bay City, was seized with an epileptic fit while fishing through the ice and fell through the hole cut for his lines and was drowned.

D. M. Turner, of Mountaineer, was awarded the Gleaners' cup for the most perfect 10 cars of corn submitted to the Michigan Experiment association at the closing session of its convention at East Lansing Friday.

Turner's son Glen won the cup for the most perfect single car. C. R. Beatty of Almont was chosen president of the association.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Louis Kline, of Milan, the oldest Odd Fellow in the state, is dead at the age of 94 years.

Deputy Sheriff Herman Reiner, of Lowell, was acquitted in circuit court on a charge of perjury.

Albion has been promised a new theater in the spring or early summer, by C. F. Beach, of Battle Creek.

Hilda Rovell, aged 2, of Kalamazoo, died from burns sustained when she tipped over a pan of boiling water.

Fire, caused by a defective chimney, resulted in a \$2,000 loss in the Oakland county hospital. All patients were removed without injury.

The jury at Jackson in the case of Charles M. Jaquish, charged with attempting to slay his son, Percy, disagreed after being out six hours.

The home of Matt Kelly at Strong, Chippewa county, was destroyed by fire and his two children, aged 15 months and 6 years, were burned to death.

Ronald McIntyre, 19, of Windsor, Ont., who was acquitted at Gaylord on a charge of murder, has been taken to Bay City to face a charge of assault and battery.

While four friends who were playing cards in an adjoining room thought he was sleeping, Willard Ward, of Battle Creek, swallowed poison and was dead when they went to awaken him.

Albion college sophomore team lost in a debate with the sophomores from Beloit college at Albion Friday night by a vote of two to one. The question discussed was the government ownership of the telegraph and telephone.

President F. W. McNair, of Michigan College of Mines, Houghton Saturday announced that the legislature would be asked for an appropriation of \$154,780 for maintenance and special purposes this year. For maintenance \$84,345 is wanted.

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PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society to Meet in Muskegon

In February.

Muskegon.—The program for the midwinter meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society, to be held at Muskegon Feb. 17 and 18, has been announced by Charles Moore of Detroit, secretary of the society.

At the opening day, Lawton T. He

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missioner and member of the state historical commission, will give a paper on "Steven T. Mason." Mrs. Munger, president of the Michigan Audubon society, will discuss "Birds of Michigan." Indians from Oceana county will give pioneer reminiscences and exhibit products of their tribe's handwork.

The Bluecher, which was sunk, was an armored cruiser 489 feet long, with a displacement of 15,550 tons. Her complement was 885 officers and men.

She was built at Kiel in 1908, and a cost of \$6,500,000. Her speed was a little more than 26 knots an hour.

The Bluecher carried 12 8.2 inch,

eight 6-inch guns and 16 24-pounders. Evidence was introduced regarding ill

feeling said to have existed between father and son.

John Mureas, 40, accidentally killed himself while hunting near Ovid Sunday. His gun was discharged when he stumbled in a hole, the charge entering his heart and causing instant death. Mureas had planned to send for his wife, who remained in Rumania when he came to this country two years ago.

Fire Thursday night destroyed the plant of the Metal Products Co., west of Battle Creek with a probable loss of \$25,000. Although the plant was outside city limits the motor equipment from the fire department went to the scene, but could only watch the factory burn as there was no available water.

Normal college representatives for the state oratorical contest at Alma, March 5, chosen at Ypsilanti Friday night are: Eva R. Arent, Coloma, subject "The Sport of Kings," with Florence Tenant, Carson City, alternate; Glenn Smith, Ypsilanti, "The Public and the Criminal," with Elwood Stanley, Deerfield, alternate.

Carl Wiederholt, an Augusta township farmer, was run over by an interurban car in this city Saturday and suffered a bad injury that he died at night.

He had boarded the car, but when his hat was blown off he leaped to the ground to recover it. In trying to board the car again after it had started he slipped and fell under the wheels.

Driven out into the cold by the burning of their house, Mrs. Chris Christensen and her three little children, living near Boon, had to walk a mile through the snow clad only in their night clothes with the thermometer at zero to reach the nearest neighbor's house. The toes of two of the children were frozen and all are in a serious condition.

Alexander Guibault has confessed that he killed his aged uncle, Charles Guibault, of Lake Linden, during a family row. The elder man declined a drink offered by his nephew and was shot four times, after which he was carried up with an ax.

Albert N. Williams, of Charlotte, defeated candidate for secretary of the Michigan Mutual Tornado & Windstorm Insurance Co., has filed an injunction suit against the company, alleging illegality at the recent election. The hearing is set for early in February.

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For many years past wine and beer have been retailed at the Vandalia Ferry on the assumption that the place had a vested right to retail liquor. Recent investigations failed to establish any such right, and now the place must become "dry."

The John Givens, of Tipton, which was established in 1887, could not be utilized until this year. The amount of it is now \$30,000. The business firm has been organized in Tipton for the purpose of supplying the match factories of Sweden with raw materials. The contracts already closed call for about one thousand carloads of poplar blocks a year.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK BY BRITISH IN SUNDAY FIGHT

English Report Claims Victory in North Sea Battle

BLUECHER GOES DOWN AND TWO OTHERS ARE DAMAGED

Vessel Lost Carried 885 Officers and Men and Cost Six and One-Half Million Dollars, and Had Speed of 28 Knots.

London—The German armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk and two German battle cruisers were seriously damaged in a running fight in the North sea Sunday with British battle cruisers and a destroyer flotilla, pitted against a similar fleet of German warships.

The British fleet of cruisers, under Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, and flotilla, under Commodore Tyrwhitt, were on patrol duty when the German fleet was sighted early in the morning, steaming westward, presumably in the neighborhood of Helgoland, although the statement of the admiralty dismisses the location by saying the German ships were "apparently making for the English coast."

"With reference to my attitude toward labor unions: I believe it to be just as proper and advantageous for labor to associate itself into organized groups for the advancement of its legitimate interests as for capital to combine for the same object. Sometimes they (labor unions) provide benefit features, sometimes they seek to increase wages, but whatever their specific purpose, so long as it is to promote the well-being of the employees, having always due regard for the just interests of the employer and the public, leaving every worker free to associate himself with such groups or to work independently, as he may choose—I favor them most heartily."

A battle also occurred between the light cruisers and destroyers accompanying the bigger ships, but the result of this engagement has not yet reached the admiralty. The British were superior in ships engaged, weight of armament and speed, and the fight of the German ships into the mine and submarine infested field possibly saved them from further losses.

So far as is known here, 123 men of the Bluecher's 885 have been rescued.

All the vessels named by the British official press bureau as having taken part in the naval engagement, except the Bluecher, are battle cruisers, all heavily armed and capable of great speed.

The Bluecher, which was sunk, was an armored cruiser 489 feet long, with a displacement of 15,550 tons. Her complement was 885 officers and men.

She was built at Kiel in 1908, and a cost of \$6,

The Million Dollar Mystery

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SYNOPSIS.

Stanley Harrgrave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the den of the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for his son's sake. Harrgrave has accidentally meets Braine, leader of the Black Hundred. Knowing Braine will try to get him, he escapes from his own home to the Orient school where eighteen years before he mysteriously left on the doorstep his baby daughter, Florence Gray. That day Harrgrave has drawn \$10,000 from his bank, it is reported that this dropped into the sea when the balloon he escaped in was punctured. Florence arrives from the girl school. Olga, arrives from the girl school. Olga and her claims her as a relative. Two bogus detectives call, but their plot is foiled by Norton, a newspaper man. By taking the train, Norton follows the trail of the Black Hundred. He lays a trap for Braine and his gang. Countess Olga also visits the Orient's captain, and she easily falls into the trap. The Black Hundred plans to pass through Braine's great luck and only little things fall into the hands of the police. After failing in their first attempt, the Black Hundred plan a second. They kidnap Norton and the Countess, and tell them to return to Florence's home. The train is wrecked and the Black Hundred carry the injured Florence to a deserted hut. Norton, who tries to rescue her, is captured. Florence and Norton are saved by her and finally come to the rescue of both. Concealed above the rendezvous of the Black Hundred, a man, the recovery from the sea of the body of his son, a man, makes a subsequent return to the bottom of the sea, and he quickly communicates the secret to Norton. A duplicate box is planted and later secured from the bank. Its contents are examined the box mysteriously disappears. Owing to the falling off contributions to the parent organization, Braine resigns and assumes the leadership of the American branch of the Black Hundred. Through the connivance of the countess, the new head is thoroughly humiliated. Braine pursues his own plans pending restoration to power.

CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

"Ah, Olga, why the deuce must you go and fall in love with a bundle of ashes like myself? Ashes and bitter ashes, too. Sometimes I regret. But the regretting only seems to make me all the more savage. What opium and dope are to other men, danger and excitement are to me. It is not written that I shall die in bed. I have told you that already. There is no other woman—now. And I do love you after a fashion, as a man loves a comrade. Wait till this dancing bout is over and I may talk otherwise. And now I am going to shake hands and hobnob with the elite—beautiful word! And while I bow and smirk and crack witticisms, I and the devil will be chuckling in our sleeves. But this I'll tell you, while there's a drop of blood in my veins, a breath in my body, I'll stick to this fight if only to prove that I'm not a quitter."

He caught her suddenly in his arms, kissed her, ran lightly to the door, and was gone before she could recover from her astonishment.

The affair went smoothly, without a hitch. Norton and his men gained the house through the tunnel without attracting the least attention. The Black Hundred, watching the front and rear of the house, never dreamed that there existed another mode of entrance or that there was a secret cabinet room.

Half an hour later the head of the secret service, accompanied by his men, together with "Spider" Beggs,



"I Shall Have to Request You and the Family to Accompany Me to the Station."

you all to the station. It would be just as well not to say anything more, sir."

"Very well; but some one shall smart for this outrage."

"That remains to be seen," was the terse comment of the secret service man.

He led his prisoners away directly.

Norton and his men had to wait far into the night. The Black Hundred did not intend to make any mistake this time by a hasty move. At quarter after ten they descended. Braine was not with them. This was due to the urgent request of Olga, who still had her doubts. The men rioted about the house, searching nooks and corners, examining floors and walls, opening books, pulling out drawers, but they found nothing. They talked freely, however, and the dictograph registered every word. The printing plant, which had so long defied discovery, was in the cellar of the house occupied by the Black Hundred. Norton and his men determined to follow and raid the building. And the reporter promised himself a good front page story without in any way conflicting with his promises to Jones.

Events came to pass as they expected.

The trailing was not the easiest thing.

Norton knew about where the building was, but he could not go to it directly. He was quite confident that its entrance was identical with that which had the trap door through which he had been flung that memorable day when he had been shanghaied.

When they reached the building he warned the men to hug the wall to the stairs. The trap yawned, but no one was hurt. They scampered up the stairs like a lot of eager boys; broke the door in—to find the weird executive chamber dark and empty and an acrid smoke in their nostrils. This latter grew stifling as they blundered about in the dark. By luck Norton found the exit and called to the men to follow. They saw Beggs at the top of the stairway and called out to him to surrender. He held up his hands and the stairs collapsed. Real fire burst out and Norton and his compan-

ions had a desperate battle with flame and smoke to gain the street.

The fire was put out, but there was nothing in the ruins to prove that there had been a counterfeiting den there. There was, however, at least one consoling feature: in the future the Black Hundred would have to hold their star-chamber elsewhere.

It was checkmate; or, rather, it was a draw.

CHAPTER XV.

Another Trap Set.

If the truth is to be told, Jones was as deeply chagrined over the outcome of the counterfeit deal as was Braine. They had both failed signal to reach the goal sought. But this time the organization had broken even with Jones, and this fact disturbed the butler. It might signify that the turning point had been reached, and that in the future the good luck might swing over to the side of the Black Hundred. Jones redoubled his cautions, reiterated his warnings, and slept less than ever. Indeed, as he went over the ground he conceded a point to the Black Hundred. He would no longer be able to keep tab on the organization. They had deserted their former quarters absolutely. The agent of whom they had leased the building knew nothing except that he would have to repair the place. The rent had been paid a year in advance, as it had been those last eight years. He had dealt through an attorney who knew no more of his clients than the agent. So it will be seen that Jones had in reality received a check.

More than all this, it would give his enemies renewed confidence; and this was a deeper menace than he cared to face. But he went about his affairs as usual, giving no hint to any one of the mental turmoil which had possession of him.

It is needless to state Norton did not scoop his rivals on the counterfeit story. But he set to work exploring the cellar of the gutted building, and in one corner he found a battered man of thunderbolts; one man knew where they were going to strike.

The telephone rang; at the same moment Florence left the piano. She stopped at the threshold.

"Hello? You? Where have you been? What has happened?"

"Who is it?" asked Florence, stepping forward.

Jones held up a warning hand, and Florence paused.

"Yes, yes; I hear working out their new quarters! Good, good! But be very careful, sir. One never knows what may happen. They have been quiet for some time now. . . . Ah! You can't work the ceiling this time? Window over the way. Very good, sir. But be careful!"

The word "sir" caught Florence's attention. She ran to Jones and seized him by the arm.

"Who was that?" she cried, as he turned away from the telephone.

"Why?"

"You said 'sir'."

Jones' eyes widened. "I did?"

"Yes, and it's the first time I ever heard you use it over the telephone. Jones, you were talking to my father!"

"Please, Miss Florence, do not ask me any questions. I cannot answer any. I dare not."

"But if I should command, upon the pain of dismissal?" coldly.

"Ah, Miss Florence," said Jones, tapping his pocket, "you forget that you cannot dismiss me by word. I am legally in control here. I am sorry that you have made me recall this fact to you."

Florence began to cry softly.

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"And if the truth must be told, it is the same with me. We have to wait for them to strike. Shall I get you something new to read? I am going down to the drug store and they have a circulating library."

"Get me anything you please. But I'd feel better with a little sunshine."

"That's universal," replied Jones, going into the hall for his hat.

Had the telephone rung again at that moment it is quite probable that the day would have come to a close as the day before had, monotonously. But the ring came five minutes after Jones had left the house.

"Is this the Hargreave place?"

"Yes," said Florence. "Who is it?"

"This is Miss Hargreave talking?"

"Yes."

"This is Doctor Morse, I am at the Queen hotel. Mr. Norton has been badly hurt, and he wants you and Mr. Jones to come at once. We cannot tell just how serious the injury is. He is just conscious. Shall I tell him you will come immediately?"

"Yes, yes!"

Florence snapped the receiver on the hook. She wanted to fly, fly. He was hurt. How, when, where?

"Susan! Susan!" she called.

"What is it, Florence?" asked Susan, running into the room.

"Jim is badly hurt. He wants me to come at once. O, Susan! I've been dreading something all day long." Florence struck the maid's bell. "My wraps. You will go with me, Susan."

"Where, Miss Florence," asked the maid, alive to her duty.

"Where? What is that to you?" demanded Florence, who did not know that this maid was a detective.

All ready, then. The chess are once more on the board, and it is the move of the Black Hundred.

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"Let her be," said Vroon morosely.

"We'll put up all the questions we wish when we're at our destination." And

TO BE CONTINUED.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

"Why not wait till Mr. Jones returns?" she suggested patiently.

"And let the man I love die?" vehemently.

"At least you will leave word where you are going, Miss Florence."

"The Queen hotel. And if you say another word I'll discharge you. Come Susan."

There happened to be a taxicab conveniently near (as Vroon took care there should be), and Florence at once engaged it. She did not see the man hiding in the bushes. The two young women stepped into the taxicab and were driven off. They had been gone less than five minutes when Jones returned with his purchase, to find the house empty of its most valuable asset. He was furious, not only at the maid, who, he realized, was virtually helpless, but at his own negligence.

In the midst of his violent harangue the bell sounded. In his bones he knew what was going to be found there. It was a letter on the back of which was drawn the fatal black mask. With shaking fingers he tore open the envelope and read the contents:

Florence is now in our power. Only the surrender of the million will save her. Our agent will call in an hour for an answer.

THE BLACK HUNDRED.

As a matter of fact, they had wanted Jones almost as badly as Florence, but her desire for a book—some popular story of the day—had saved him from the net. The letter had been written against this possibility.

Jones became cool, now that he knew just what to face. The Queen hotel meant nothing. Florence would not be taken there. He called up Norton. It took all the butler's patience, however, as it required seven different calls to locate the reporter.

Meantime the taxicab containing

Florence and Susan sped madly toward the water front. Here the two were separated by an effective threat. Florence recognized the man Vroon and knew that to plead for mercy would be a waste of time. She permitted herself to be led to a waiting launch. Always when she disobeyed Jones something like this happened. But this time he had cumbly struck at her heart, and all thought of her personal safety became as nothing. For the present she knew that she was in no actual physical danger. She was merely to be held as a hostage. Would Susan have mentality enough to tell Jones where the taxicab had stopped? She doubted. In an emergency Susan had proved herself a nonentity, a bundle of hysterical thrills.

As a matter of fact, for once Florence's deductions were happily wrong. When the chauffeur peremptorily deposited Susan on the lonely country road, several miles from home, she ran hot-foot to the nearest telephone and sent a very concise message home. Susan was becoming accustomed to this strange, exciting existence.

Norton arrived in due time, and he and Jones were mapping out a plan when Susan's message came.

"Good girl!" said Jones. "She's learning. Can you handle this alone, Norton? They want me out of the house again, for I believe they were after me as well as Florence. Half an hour gone!"

"Trust me!" cried Norton.

And he ran out to his auto. It was a wild ride. Several policemen shouted after him, but he went on un mindfully. They could take his license number a hundred times for all he cared.

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"And if the truth must be told, it is the same with me. We have to wait for them to strike. Shall I get you something new to read? I am going down to the drug store and they have a circulating library."

"Get me anything you please. But I'd feel better with a little sunshine."

"That's universal," replied Jones, going into the hall for his hat.

Had the telephone rung again at that moment it is quite probable that the day would have come to a close as the day before had, monotonously. But the ring came five minutes after Jones had left the house.

"Is this the Hargreave place?"

"Yes," said Florence. "Who is it?"

"This is Miss Hargreave talking?"

"Yes."

"This is Doctor Morse, I am at the Queen hotel. Mr. Norton has been badly hurt, and he wants you and Mr. Jones to come at once. We cannot tell just how serious the injury is. He is just conscious. Shall I tell him you will come immediately?"

"Yes, yes!"

Florence snapped the receiver on the hook. She wanted to fly, fly. He was hurt. How, when, where?

"Susan! Susan!" she called.

"What is it, Florence?" asked Susan, running into the room.

"Jim is badly hurt. He wants me to come at once. O, Susan! I've been dreading something all day long." Florence struck the maid's bell. "My wraps. You will go with me, Susan."

"Where, Miss Florence," asked the maid, alive to her duty.

"Let her be," said Vroon morosely.

"We'll put up all the questions we wish when we're at our destination." And

he nodded significantly toward the ships riding at anchor.

Florence felt her heart sink in spite of her abundant courage. Were they going to take her to sea again? She had acquired a horror of the sea, so big, so terrible, so strong. She had had an experience with its sullen power. They had gone about four miles down when she looked back longingly toward shore. Something white seemed to be spinning over the water far behind. At first she could not discern what it was. As she watched it grew and grew. It finally emerged from the illusion of a giant bird into the actuality of an everyday hydroplane. Her heart gave a great bound. This flying machine was coming directly toward the

ships riding at anchor.

Lansing — Representative Newell Smith, of Gratiot county, Monday night introduced a bill for a specific tax on automobiles and motorcycles to take the place of the law enacted

two years ago for a like purpose, and which was declared invalid by the supreme court because of a technical de-

fault.

The 1913 act imposed a tax of 50 cents per horse power on all motor

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You wish to preserve your teeth—keep them solid and free from discolorations—remember this—

Be attentive to your teeth—keep the shreds of food from out of the crevices—thoroughly masticate your food and avoid as much as possible soft and poorly cooked foods—use the brush regularly and with an up and down motion—

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When we had a chance to get the exclusive selling agency for Nydal Family Remedies we jumped at it. They are known among all druggists as the highest quality line on the market, and are prepared by a great firm of manufacturing chemists, famous for fifty years.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 28

Listen, Daughter.

Listen daughter. Your mother tells me that you and she have been talking over the matter of getting a hired girl to do the housework. She also says that she feels sure that you two could get along with the work all right, but that the young fellow who is coming around here evenings will think we are not swell enough if he knows that you and your mother do the housework. Don't worry about that. If he thinks such stuff, he is not good enough for you. But he looks pretty good to me and if he is half the fellow I take him to be he'll think all the more of you when he knows that you not only know how to cook and bake and mend, but that you are on the job. So lets put up a little

game on him. The next time he comes, receive him in your kitchen apron. Tell him to amuse himself in the parlor for a minute while you finish mending the supper dishes. I won't be here, you know. He picks out my lodge nights to make his calls. So I won't be in the parlor to embarrass him. Then, along about ten o'clock, ask him if he wouldn't like a bite of lunch. He'll insist that it will be too much trouble, but tell him he may come along and help. Any man in the world will fall for that. He'll trail along after you to the kitchen. You'll have the stage all set and the proper costumes ready. The costumes will consist of two aprons, one for you and one for him. Oh, he'll put it on. If there is anything a young fellow will fall for it's the kitchen apron and a job doing nothing but keeping out of the way. Then you get the lunch ready. Tell him to slice the bread and no matter how he butchers it, tell him it's fine. Ask him if he can make a salad dressing. If he says he can, let him go to it. And you praise it to the skies. Ask him for the recipe. Tell him you'll keep it a secret. What would you like for a wedding present?

NOTES FROM THE LEGISLATURE

By H. H. WHITELEY

Some of the important bills which have been introduced so far this session are:

A bill to make an appropriation of \$600,000, to meet the deficit in the state highway department for the past two years, arising from the declaring unconstitutional of the auto horse power tax law. This sum is now due to the various counties for state road roads.

The "Blue Sky Law", to prevent fraud in the sale of stocks and bonds. This law was passed last session but was knocked out by a federal court.

A bill to exempt mutual telephone companies not organized for profit, from the control of the railroad commission, in certain cases.

A bill to require all vehicles to carry lights at night on the public highways.

A bill to amend the mortgage tax law so as to increase the tax on mortgages from the present rate of one-half of one cent paid but once, at the time of recording, to a rate of one cent to be paid annually.

Bills to provide for the building of an addition to the state capitol and for the erection of a state office building.

A bill making an appropriation to buy a site at Bay City, the construction of which was authorized by the last legislature, Bay county agreeing to furnish the site. An opinion of the attorney general prevented them doing this.

A bill to increase the salaries of the clerks in the State departments.

A bill to regulate the transportation of live stock over the railroads. This provides that an average speed of ten miles per hour must be maintained, and was passed by the last legislature but was vetoed by the governor.

A bill to provide for a revision of the general election laws of the state by a commission.

A bill to make it a crime to overdraw bank accounts.

A bill to prohibit the giving or selling of liquor in lumber mills, camps or along logging railways.

A bill changing the manner of filling vacancies in the office of U. S. Senators, taking away that power from the governor, and providing for

the calling of a special election for the purpose.

A bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within any township, city or village in which are located any of the colleges of the state. This would make practically all of the larger cities of the state "dry".

A bill to license insurance agents and one for an average clause for fire insurance policies.

A bill to establish a state normal at Petoskey. It is not expected this bill will be passed this session, being introduced more to put Petoskey in line for the college at some future date.

A bill which entirely changes the fish laws pertaining to inland waters. This bill changes the trout season back to May first to September first, entirely prohibits spearing of any kind of fish, makes it unlawful for any one to have a spear, net, artificial light, set line or any kind of explosive to be used for killing fish, in their possession within a half mile of any of the inland waters, makes it unlawful for any one to have more than twenty-five pounds of fish in their possession at any one time, and increases the penalty for violations.

A "full crew bill" making it mandatory for railroads to carry at least five men on every engine handling cars.

A bill to establish a woman's reformatory.

Frederick School Notes.

The next number of the lecture course which is being given by the Athletic association, will be Thursday evening, February 11th. Miss Grace Gladdron, a reader and entertainer, will fill the number.

The Literary society held their bi-weekly meeting in the high school room last Wednesday evening. A large number of parents were present. We would be pleased, however, to see more take an interest in these meetings.

Each Friday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00 o'clock, Miss Durham instructs the girls from the grades and those from the high school who wish to be instructed, in domestic arts. The class is now busy making sewing aprons.

The younger boys are to be given a class in drilling and physical culture each Wednesday night from 7:00 to 9:00. This will occupy the time of the smaller boys for a while and we hope to develop the class into a boy scout parole. O. Hilton of Gaylord will come each Wednesday night and assist with the boys if it proves of interest to them.

This week is the beginning of the second semester work.

The high school no longer has recess. You can soon pick out those who this pleases. If one listens closely he can hear the "babies" cry.

A class in typewriting is started this semester.

Miss Black has taken the bookkeeping class, which starts this semester.

The laboratory is a busy place these days since we have started the classes in botany and agriculture.

WANTED—By some of the students, an anti-slunk serum.

Orie Hilton of Gaylord visited Messrs. Kitchen and Bailey last Wednesday and Thursday.

Both basketball teams play in Grayling this week. It is expected that we will be accompanied by two or three sleigh loads of roasters.

The girls play at Roscommon a week from Friday. It is not yet actuated where the boys will go.

The school has been fortunate in getting one of the University of Michigan extension lectures. Prof. W. D. Henderson, who is well known throughout the state, will deliver his lecture on "The Boy Problem". This lecture is absolutely free to the general public. The date is Saturday evening, February 27. We hope that the people of the town and surrounding country will see this opportunity that is afforded them in hearing Mr. Henderson. Do not forget the date, Feb. 27. Be there and get something from the lecture that you cannot afford to miss. It will be free to all. To be held in the town hall.

Classes are being held at 7:00 o'clock

at night to assist those who were late in entering and failed to complete their first semester work.

Beaver Creek Breezes.

There is going to be a shadow social at the Wellington school house February 5th. Everybody invited.

The proceeds of the social will be used to buy pictures for the school room.

Geo. Belmore has finished hauling logs and started in the wood business.

Ralph Hanna is busy cutting logs.

We have nice roads now and everybody is busy hauling.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had bad coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.

Adv.

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Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No advertisement for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line.

Send MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

COCKERELS—25 thoroughbred Barred Rock cockerels up to weight and shape and fine color. \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Phone 714. J. M. Bunting.

FLAT FOR RENT—Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, suitable for light housekeeping. Telephone 1023.

PIANO TUNING—R. P. Patterson, the well known piano tuner, will be in Grayling about Feb. 20-25. Orders may be left at Lewis' drug store. Also agent for the old standard Fisher piano. 1-28-4.

POSITION WANTED—By young lady doing housework or work in hotel. Is also competent seamstress. Phone Avalanche office.

TEAM FOR SALE—Weight about 2400 lbs. Also good harness and wagon. Price \$200.00 cash for quick sale. Henry Burgess, phone 872. 1-14-2.

PIANO FOR SALE—In first class condition. Price and terms reasonable. Inquire of Avalanche office.

FOR SALE—30 acres fine land, the west half of the southeast quarter, Sec. 5, Township 23, range west, Crawford county, Mich., only \$4.50 per acre. Inquire of E. E. Larson, Columbus, Indiana. 1-7-4.

STOVE and furniture repairing and upholstering. South side, next to Hendrickson's tailor shop. Robert McQuaid. 11-19-8.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, when my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

Adv.

Sheriff's Execution Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of fieri facias, dated the 13th day of January A. D. 1915, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit court for the county of Crawford, state of Michigan, dated the eleventh day of January, A. D. 1915, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Clayton D. Strachan against the goods and chattels, land and tenements of Hal Davis, I did, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1915, levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of said Hal Davis in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Crawford and state of Michigan, to-wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Grayling, county of Crawford and state of Michigan, known and described as an undivided half interest in and to the east forty-eight feet of lot thirteen in block one and lots two, three and four of block two, Onekill Park in the township of Grayling, Crawford county, Michigan, all of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs, at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling (that being the building in which the Circuit court for said county of Crawford, state of Michigan, is held), on Saturday the 6th day of March, A. D. 1915, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

WILLIAM H. CODY, Sheriff of Crawford County, Mich.

JAMES B. ROSS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated Jan. 11th, A. D. 1915. 1-21-7.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a writ of fieri facias, dated the 13th day of January A. D. 1915, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit court for the county of Crawford, in said county, on the 14th day of January A. D. 1915.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 14th day of January A. D. 1915.

Present: H. Wellington Batterson, Judge of Probate.

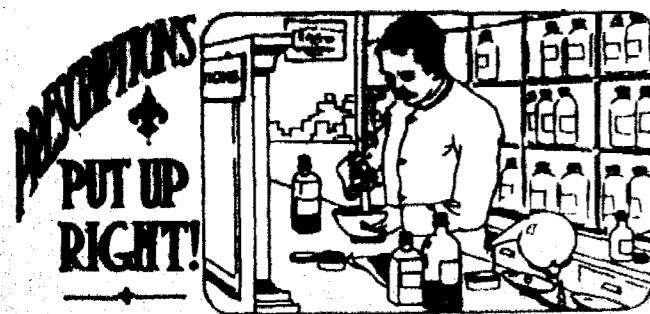
In the matter of the estate of Christian W. Range, deceased.

William Schmidt, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate therein described for the purpose of paying the debts of said deceased.

It is ordered, that the 17th day of Feb., A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, an that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given, by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the CRAWFORD AVALANCHE a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WELLINGTON B



Mistakes in putting up doctors' prescriptions may result in death. How do such serious mistakes occur? They may occur through the hurried carelessness of the pharmacist or clerk who fills the prescription. They may occur because he misreads the Latin terms of the prescription. Often doctors write hurriedly under stress or their writing is naturally hard to read, but we are very particular. We check everything.

A. M. LEWIS. THE BUSY DRUGGISTS

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 28

Local News

Capt. Wm. Case made a business trip to Lansing Sunday night.

The Gaylord Advance entered upon the fourth year of its existence last week.

A. F. Gierke and son Edward left for Bay City Sunday morning to spend a couple of days.

Wilhelm Jenson, a former resident of this city for several years, is dead at his home in Owosso.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent?

GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

William Fischer had his ankle badly sprained while playing basket ball at the gymnasium last Wednesday evening.

B. McFarland of Boyne City visited at the home of E. G. Clark and family one day last week, enroute from Detroit to his home.

Mrs. John McClellan with her two children of Bay City, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Daniel Hoesli, returning home Monday afternoon.

The ladies of the Hospital Aid society, who are in arrears in their dues, will kindly settle as soon as possible, as I want to get my books settled for the coming year.—Mrs. M. Hanson.

There will be two games of basket ball Friday evening between the Grayling high school boys and girls and the Frederic high school boys and girls respectively. These will be played at the gymnasium, and promises to be good games.

MUSIC! MUSIC!

I recently closed a contract with the Associated Music Publishers Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, to handle sheet music for them.

This company is in a position to furnish anything that can be had in the music line, whether it be the latest popular music hits or the old time favorites; in fact anything you would care for in the musical line.

The first shipment is on the road and expected at any time now, so make your selection early or send in your order, and I will endeavor to fill same to your satisfaction.

With the exception of specials which carry their own selling price, we can furnish you first-class sheet music at 15¢ each or two for 25¢.

The company allows me to dispose of a limited number of folios, the regular price of which is \$1.00, for 25¢. You cannot afford to miss this for it is something out of the ordinary, so get your order in early.

C. J. HATHAWAY

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If You
are troubled with heartburn, gas and
a different feeling after eating take a
Dygestol Tablet
before and after each meal and you will
experience relief almost immediately.

A. M. Lewis & Co.

Dr. Cady of Frederic was in this city Tuesday on business.

Attorney Gleu Smith spent Sunday visiting his brother, Hiram, at Roscommon.

Follow the crowds during this sale and you sure won't go wrong on low prices. Frank.

A few from here expect to attend a dancing party at Roscommon tomorrow evening.

A boys' All City basket ball team has been organized and are practicing at the gymnasium.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Pichl left Tuesday for Ann Arbor, where the latter will undergo an operation.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson, Phone 853. Open day and night.

Ray McKee, who has been dickerling with the Federal League, has finally signed with the Detroit Tigers.

There will be a regular meeting of the Grayling Lodge F. and A. M. No. 356 at the lodge rooms this evening (Thursday.)

Miss Loretta Manier and Mr. Earl Bass of Atlanta were united in marriage yesterday afternoon, by Justice O. P. Schumann.

Mrs. David Montour and children left Wednesday morning for Standish and Pinconning to spend a few days visiting relatives.

It may be a suit, a raincoat, an overcoat, a mackinaw, a ladies' cloak, ladies' furs, ladies' slippers or ladies' shoes, right now at Frank Dresce's.

A hose nozzle was lost off one of the hose carts at the school house fire. Finder please return to Charles Fehr or some other member of the fire department.

When sending for school books, please send along the money as these are sold by us for the school board and must be paid for when purchased. Central Drug Store.

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes.

Luther Reynolds of Bay City, a "trouble man" for the Bell Telephone company, was in Grayling on business Monday, connected with the local telephone exchange.

On account of Rev. Kjolhede being absent at a meeting of the presidents of the D. Y. P. society in Ashland, there will be no services in the Danish Lutheran church next Sunday.

Photographer Wingard beat the limit when he had pictures of the school house fire on sale as soon as some of the people were returning from the fire. He made six different views, all of which are good. This is showing enterprise that deserves appreciation.

We, the Sisters of Mercy, wish to extend our sincere thanks to the ladies of the Aid society for their efforts during the charity ball, and for the interest taken in the hospital, also others, who contributed liberally for the benefit of this institution.

Sisters of Mercy.

Mrs. Moore of Bay City, head deputy of Companion Court No. 632, was in the city the latter part of last week, securing new members and calling on the officers of the lodge. She will return here Feb. 11th to conduct the initiation of the lodge, as there will be several members initiated.

A number of the young people enjoyed a sleighride and dancing party last Tuesday evening. They drove to Portage lake and spent the evening dancing at the pavilion, with music by the victrola. Before they started for home they enjoyed coffee and sandwiches, which ended a pleasant evening.

Nemesius Nielsen returned Thursday last from Saginaw, where he did the interior decorating in the new Franklin theatre, which opened there last Monday. This is a high class vaudeville theatre. Mr. Nielsen says that this is one of the prettiest theatres in Michigan, which speaks well of his work as a decorator. This theatre cost \$100,000.

The Junior class of the high school and their invited guests enjoyed a sleighride to Portage lake last Friday evening. They arrived at the pavilion shortly after 6:00 o'clock and spent the evening in dancing. At 10:30 they partook of a luncheon furnished by the young ladies of the Junior class and afterwards dancing was resumed. Although it was a frosty evening all enjoyed themselves very much.

Miss Mabelle Ketzbeck was hostess at a very pretty party in honor of her "sweet sixteenth" birthday last Monday evening, Jan. 26th, entertaining twelve of her friends at her home. Music, games and cards were the amusement of the evening, an advertising contest being the most enjoyable, in which Miss Mildred Schreck won the prize. Late in the evening delicious refreshments were served and the guests received carnations as favors. Miss Mabelle was the recipient of many pretty gifts in remembrance of the occasion.

"The Master Key", which is running at the opera house every Monday evening is creating a great deal of attention. Each time it is becoming more interesting and appears to be the best that has been here yet. Read the 5th and 6th chapters of the story on the last page of the Avalanche. Manager Overton also presented his audience with some exceptionally fine pictures last Sunday and Tuesday evenings, featuring such stars as Mary Pickford and Francis X. Bushman. Next Tuesday evening will be the "Squaw Man", featuring Dustin Farnum.

Among those who attended the Charity ball from out of town last Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McKay, Misses Nina Fleming, Stella Blumenthal, Heine Tolfree and Misses Clare Blakely, Donald Nelson, Joseph Lally, Walter Huck and Anne Lorenzo of West Branch; Leo Gaffey and Dr. and Mrs. Curran of Roscommon; Graham McKay of Pinconning; Miss Bebbie Mowat of Bay City and J. Rockwell also of Bay City.

Music just arrived. It will please you. C. J. Hathaway.

Follow the crowds. You'll be heading right for Frank's big sale. F. Dresce.

Miss Ferguson of Grand Rapids was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Zalman over Sunday.

Norman Spencer, former baseball pitcher here, is managing an all-star basketball team in Saginaw.

Sheriff Cody was in Frederic Monday and while there duly commissioned Albert Lewis deputy sheriff.

R. Hanson and T. W. Hanson are attending annual meetings of lumber companies they are interested in at Owosso, Lansing and Detroit.

The coldest weather of the season is reported this morning, the government thermometer registering 19 below zero. At 8:00 o'clock this morning it registered 16 below.

The Herald-Times of Gaylord came out with a two page special edition last Monday, headed "Extra," giving a good account of the fire which occurred that same morning.

Senator Morford wants all killing deer in the state stopped for five years, and to that end introduced a bill making the season absolutely closed for that length of time.

Word received from Miss Margrette Hanson states that in company with Mrs. L. Fournier of Royal Oak, she arrived safely at San Diego, Calif., where they will spend the winter.

A lady visitor wishing to be polite to the little son of her host at table, said: "What a pretty dimple you have, Bessie." "You think that's a pretty dimple?" said the boy. "Mamma, can I show the lady the one on my tummy?"

Word from Stanley Insley, who is attending Notre Dame college, states that the young man is in a hospital with blood poisoning in one foot. Miss Alta Reagan, sister of Mrs. S. N. Insley, left for Notre Dame yesterday afternoon.

Plans are progressing nicely for the K. of P. ball, which will be held at Temple theatre on Friday night, February 12th. One of the special features will be an exhibition drill by the uniform rank. Invitations will be issued early next week.

Marius Hanson, John Hanna and Wm. S. Chalker represented Crawford county at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Development bureau at Bay City Tuesday. They report an interesting meeting and enjoyable time. Mr. Hanson was re-elected treasurer of the bureau.

Mrs. O. E. Gibson was brought to Mercy hospital Monday morning from her home in Roscommon, suffering from severe burns. How she came by them is unknown. She is the grandmother of Mrs. E. F. Cooper of this city. On account of the old lady's advanced age her recovery is doubtful.

A. B. Failling, C. C. Fink, Harold Rasmussen, George Olson, Frank Sales, Frank Freeland, M. Brooks, Fred Mutton, Henry Joseph, M. Brennan, and Ernest Woodburn attended a meeting of the lodge of the F. and A. M. at West Branch last Monday evening and report a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

The members of Grayling Chapter O. E. S. and families enjoyed a pot luck supper at their lodge rooms Tuesday evening. Every family came with a well filled basket and about 6:00 supper was served. There were about 80 people present. After the supper games were played and a program was rendered. Everyone left feeling they had spent a very pleasant evening.

Messrs. Carpenter and Detweller of Wilmington, Del., representing the DuPont DeNevers Powder company, were in the city several days this week, looking over the territory, and state that they are highly pleased with this location for the new plant that the company is to build here. Mr. Carpenter is of the legal department of this firm and Mr. Detweller is crusading the source of raw timber supply. Building operations will begin as soon as weather will permit.

A report is current in various sections of the west that there are not enough hotels in San Diego to care for the 30,000 or 40,000 people who are expected to attend the opening of the exposition, and we have heard that, on account of this report, a number of persons are abandoning the idea of coming to San Diego for the opening. Hotel accommodations in San Diego are ample, and any prominence you may be able to give to a brief denial of the report will be greatly appreciated by the exposition.

Refreashments were served in the dining room of the Oddfellow's, where there had been prepared one long table filled with sandwiches, pickles, fried cakes and coffee.

Also in the lodge room were plenty

of tables, and some who didn't care

to join with the dancers enjoyed them

selves playing cards.

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The schoolmaster was critically

surviving John Sparks, whom he had

commanded to stand.

"Do you admit you wrote on the blackboard that I am a jackass?" he asked angrily.

"Yes, sir, I did," responded the lad.

"Well, at least I am glad to learn that you are truthful."—Detroit Free Press.

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The Last Shot

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CHAPTER XXII—Continued.

"I think we have practically agreed that the two individuals who were invaluable to our cause were Partow and Miss Galland," Lanstron remarked tentatively. He waited for a reply. It was apparent that he was laying a foundation before he went any further.

"Certainly!" said the vice-chief.

"And you!" put in another officer, which brought a chorus of assent.

"No, not I—only these two!" Lanstron replied. "Or, I, too, if you prefer. It little matters. The thing is that I am under a promise to both which I shall respect. I organized and labored for the same purpose that we played the spy. When we sent our troops forward in a counter-attack and pursued to clear our soil of the Grays; when I stopped them at the frontier—both were according to Partow's plan. He had a plan and a dream, this wonderful old man who made us all seem primary pupils in the art of war."

Could it be that terrible Partow, a stroke of whose pencil had made the Galland house an inferno? Marta wondered as Lanstron read his message—the message out of the real heart of the man, throbbing with the power of his great brain. His plan was to hold the Grays to stalemate; to force them to desist after they had battered their battalions to pieces against the Brown fortifications. His dream was the thing that had happened—that an opportunity would come to pursue a broken machine in a bold stroke of the offensive.

"I would want to be a hero of our people for only one aim, to be able to stop our army at the frontier," he had written. "Then they might drive me forth heaped with obloquy. If they chose, I should like to see the Grays demoralized, beaten, ready to sue for peace, the better to prove my point that we should ask only for what is ours and that our strength was only for the purpose of holding what is ours. Then we should lay up no legacy of revenge in their hearts. They could never have cause to attack again. Civilization would have advanced another step."

Lanstron continued to read to the amazed staff, for Partow's message had looked far into the future. Then there was a P. S., written after the war had begun, on the evening of the day that Marta had gone from tea on the veranda with Westerling to the telephone, in the impulsive of her new purpose.

"I begin to believe in that dream," he wrote. "I begin to believe that the chance for the offensive will come, now that my colleague, Miss Galland, in the name of peace has turned practical. There is nothing like mixing a little practice in your dreams while the world is still well this side of Utopia, as the head on my old beehive of a body well knows. She had the right idea with her school. The oath so completely expressed my ideas—the result of all my thinking—that I had a twinge of literary jealousy. My boy, if you do reach the frontier, in pursuit of a broken army, and you do not keep faith with my dream and with her ideals, then you will get a lesson that will last you forever at the foot of the Gray range. But I do not think so badly as that of you or of my judgment of men."

"Lanny! Lanny!"

The dignity of a staff council could not restrain Marta. Her emotion must have action. She sprang to his side and seized his hand, her exultation mixed with penitence over the way she had wronged him and Partow. Their self-contained purpose had been the same as hers and they had worked with a soldier's fortitude, while she had worked with whims and impulses. She bent over him with gratitude and praise and a plea for forgiveness. In her eyes, submerging the thing which he sought in them. He flushed boyishly in happy embarrassment, incapable of words for an instant; and silently the staff looked on.

"And I agree with Partow," Lanstron went on, "that we cannot take the range. The Grays still have numbers equal to ours. It is they, now, who will be singing 'God with us!' with their backs against the wall. With Partow's goes my own appeal to the army and the nation; and I shall keep faith with Partow, with Miss Galland, and with my own ideals, if the government orders the army to advance, by resigning as chief of staff—my work finished."

Westerling and his aide and valet, inquiring their way as strangers, found the new staff headquarters of the Grays established in an army building, where Bouchard had been assigned to trivial duties back of the Gray range. As their former chief entered a room in the disorder of maps and packing-cases, the staff-officers rose from their work to stand at salute like stone images, in respect to a field marshal's rank. There was no word of greeting but a telling silence before Turcas spoke. His voice had lost its parchment crinkle and become natural. The blue veins on his bulging temples were a little more pronounced, his thin features a little more pinched, but otherwise he was unchanged and he seemed equal to another strain as heavy as the one he had undergone.

"We have a new government, a new premier," he said. "The old premier was killed by a shot from a crowd that was addressing from the balcony of the palace. After this, the capital became quiet. As we get in touch with the divisions, we find the army in better shape than we had feared it would be. There is a recovery of spirit, owing to our being on our own soil."

"Yes," replied Westerling, drowning

in their stares and grasping at a straw. "Only a panic, as I said. It—" his voice rising hoarsely and catching in

"We have a new government, a new premier!" Turcas repeated, with firm, methodical politeness. Westerling looking from one face to another with filmy eyes, lowered them before Bouchard. "There's a room ready, for Your Excellency upstairs," Turcas continued. "The orderly will show you the way."

Now Westerling grasped the fact that he was no longer chief of staff. He drew himself up in a desperate attempt at dignity; the staff saluted again, and, uncertainly, he followed the orderly, with the aide and valet still in loyal attendance.

Two figures were in the doorway: a heavy-set market woman with a fringe of down on her lip and a cadaverous, tidily dressed old man, who might have been a superannuated schoolmaster, with a bronze cross won in the war of forty years ago on his breast and his eyes burning with the youthful fire of Grandfather Fratiglio's. "They got the premier in the capital. We've come for Westerling! We want to know what he did with our sons! We want to know why he was beaten!" cried the market woman.

"Yes," said the veteran. "We want him to explain his lies. Why did he keep the truth from us? We were ready to fight, but not to be treated like babies. This is the twentieth century!"

"We want Westerling! Tell Westerling to come out!" rose impatient shouts behind the two figures in the doorway.

"You are sure that he has one?" whispered Turcas to Westerling's aide. "Yes," was the choking answer—"it is better than that"—with a glance toward the mob. "I left my own on the table."

"We can't save him! We shall have to let them—"

The sea of people packed in the great square of the Brown capital made a roar like the thunder of waves against a breakwater at sight of a white spot on a background of gray stone, which was the head of an eminent statesman.

"It looks as if our government would last the week out," the premier chucked as he turned to his colleagues at the cabinet table.

As yet only the brief bulletins whose publication in the newspapers had aroused the public to a frenzy had been received. The cabinet, as eager for detail as the press, had remained up, awaiting a fuller official account.

"We have a long communication in preparation," the staff had telegraphed. "Meanwhile, the following is subjoined."

"Good heavens! It's from the grave!" exclaimed the premier as he read the first paragraphs of Partow's message. "Of all the concealed dynamite ever!" he gasped as he grasped the full meaning of the document, that piece of news, as staggering as the victory itself, that had lain in the staff vaulta for years. "Well, we needn't give it out to the press; at least, not until after mature consideration," he declared when they had reached the end of Partow's appeal. "Now we'll hear what the staff has to say for itself after gratifying the wish of a dead man," he added as a messenger gave him another sheet.

"The staff, in loyalty to its dead leader who made victory possible, and in loyalty to the principles of defense for which the army fought, begs to say to the nation—"

It was four o'clock in the morning when this dispatch concluded with "We heartily agree with the foregoing," and the cabinet read the names of all the general staff and the corps and division commanders. Courting crowds in the streets were still shouting hoarsely and sometimes drunkenly in a rage. He was between the people in passion for retribution and a headless army that was supposed to charge across the frontier at dawn.

"The thing is sheer madness!" he cried. "It's inaudibility! I'll have it suppressed! The army must go on to gratify public demand. I'll show the staff that they are not in the saddle. They'll obey orders!"

He tried to get Lanstron on the long distance.

"Sorry, but the chief has retired," answered the officer on duty sleepily. "In fact, all the rest of the staff have, with orders that they are not to be disturbed before ten."

"Tell them that the premier, the head of the government, their commander, is speaking!"

"Yes, sir. The orders not to disturb them are quite positive, and as a junior I could not do so except by their orders as superiors. The chief, before retiring, however, repeated to me, in case any inquiry came from you, sir, that there was nothing he could add to the staff's message to the nation and the army. It is to be given to the soldiers the first thing in the morning, and he will let you know how they regard it."

"Confound these machine minds that spring their surprises as fully executed plans!" exclaimed the premier.

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"But what about the indemnity?" demanded the finance minister.

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This question, too, was answered.

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is strong in what he achieves, not through the gifts he receives or the goods he steals. Indemnity will not raise another blade of wheat in our land. To take it from a beaten man will fester in him the desire to beat his adversary in turn and recover the amount and more. Then we shall have the apprehension of war always in the air, and soon another war and more destruction. Remove the danger of a European catastrophe, and any sum extorted from the Grays becomes paltry beside the wealth that peace will create. An indemnity makes the purpose of the courage of the Grays in their assaults and of the Browns in their resistance that of the burglar and the looter. There is no money value to a human life when it is your own; and our soldiers gave their lives. Do not cheapen their service."

"Considering the part that we played at The Plaza," observed the foreign

is the roar of cheers greeted the white plumed of an eminent statesman's head. All the ideas that had been fomenting in the minds of a people for a general war became a living force of action to break through the precedents born of provincial passion with a new precedent; for the power of public opinion can be as swift in its revolutions as decisive victories at arms. The world at large, after rubbing its foreheads and readjusting its eye-glasses and clearing its throat, exclaimed: "Why not! Isn't that what we have all been thinking and desiring? Only nobody knew how or where to begin."

The premier of the Browns found himself talking over the long distance to the premier of the Grays in a neighboring fashion as if they had adjoining estates and were arranging a matter of community interest.

"You have been so fine in waging an indemnity," said the premier of the Grays, "that Turcas suggests we pay for all the damage done to property on your side by our invasion. I'm sure our people will rise to the suggestion. Their mood has overwhelmed every preconceived notion of mine. In place of the old suspicion that a Brown could do nothing except with a selfish motive is the desire to be as fair as the Browns. And the practical way the people look at it makes me think that it will be enduring."

"I think so, for the same reason," responded the premier of the Browns. "They say it is good business. It means prosperity and progress for both countries."

"After all, a soldier comes out the hero of the great peace movement," concluded the premier of the Grays. "A soldier took the tricks with our own cards. Old Partow was the greatest statesman of us all."

"No doubt of that!" agreed the premier of the Browns. "It's a sentiment to which every premier of ours who ever tried to down him would have readily subscribed."

The everyday statesman smiles when he sees the people smile and grow angry when they grow angry. Now and then appears an inscrutable genius who finds out what is brewing in their brains and brings it to head. He is the epoch maker. Such an one was that little Corsican, who gave a stagnant pool the storm it needed, until he became overfed and mistook his ambition for a continuation of his youthful prescience.

Marta had yet to bear the shock of Westerling's death. After learning the manner of it she went to her room, where she spent a haunted, sleepless night. The morning found her still tortured by her visualization of the picture of him, irresolute as the mob milled around the Gray headquarters.

"It is as if I had murdered him," she said. "I let him make love to me—I let my hand remain in his once—but that was all, Lanny. I—I couldn't have borne any more. Yet that was enough—enough!"

"But we know now, Marta," Lanstron pleaded. "that the premier of the Grays held Westerling to a compact that he should not return alive if he lost. He could not have won, even though he had not helped us against him. He would only have lost more lives and brought still greater indignation on his head. His fate was inevitable—and he was a soldier."

"But he had only died fighting!" Marta replied. "He died like a rat in a trap and I—let me set the trap!"

"No, destiny set it," put in Mrs. Galland.

Lanstron dropped down beside Marta's chair.

"Yes, destiny set it," he said, imploredly.

"Just as it set your part for you. And, Marta," Mrs. Galland went on gently, with what Marta had once called the wisdom of mothers, "Lanny lives and loves for you. Your destiny is life and to make the most of life, as you always have. Isn't it, Marta?"

"Yes," she breathed after a pause, in conviction, as she pressed her mother's hands. "Yes, you have a gift of making things simple and clear."

Then she looked up to Lanstron and the flame in her eyes, whose leaping, spontaneous passion he already knew, held something of the eternal, as her arms crept around his neck.

"You are life, Lanny! You are the destiny of today and tomorrow!"

(THE END.)



"Good Heavens! It's Not From the Army. It's From the Grave!"



"We've Come for Westerling."

stairs. Then the sound of a shot was heard overhead.

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"Now go back to your work and leave us to ours."

"I understand, sir," said the veteran.

"We've no argument with you."

"But yes!" agreed the market woman.

"But if you ever leave this range alive we shall have one. So, you stay!"

Looking at the bronze cross on the veteran's faded coat, the staff saluted; for the cross, though it were hung on rags, wherever it went was entitled to custom to the salute of officers and "present arms" by sentries.

After Lanstron's announcement to the Brown staff of his decision not to cross the frontier, there was a restless movement in the chairs around the table, and the grimaces on most of the faces were those with which a practical man regards a Utopian proposal. The vice-chief was drumming on the table edge and looking steadily at a point in front of his fingers. It Lanstron resigned he became chief.

"Partow might have this dream before he won, but would he now?" asked the vice-chief. "No. He would go on!"

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The vice-chief went on in a burst of field conviction when he saw that opinion was with him. "Nothing can stop this army now!" He struck the table edge with his fist, his shoulders stiffening.

"Please, please, don't!" implored Marta softly. "It sounds like Westerling."

The vice-chief started as if he had received a sharp pin-prick. His shoulders unconsciously relaxed. He began a fresh study of a certain point on the table top. Lanstron looking first at one and then at another, spoke again.

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GOOD FOR LONG WARM SPELL

Widow Teeter's Opinion of Her Departed Husband Evidently Was Not an Exalted One.

The Widow Teeter's husband had been dead only a few weeks when there were surface indications that she was about to marry again.

The late Mr. Teeter had not been exactly a model husband, and it was the general opinion that his death was a stroke of good fortune for Mrs. Teeter, but still the relatives of the deceased thought that his memory required a widowhood of at least a year.

When the indications of the approaching marriage became apparent, some of her late husband's friends waited on Mrs. Teeter, and one of them said:

"We hear that you are about to marry again, Lucy Ann."

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Forget Me Sweetheart.

Doctor Brandes, the Danish man of letters, who recently visited this country, tells a curious story of himself, says the Chicago News. At the very moment he had appointed to keep tryst with his sweetheart he was deep in Hegel.

With a passionate desire to reach a comprehension of the truth, I grappled with the "system" began with the encyclopedie, read the three volumes of "Aesthetics," the "Phenomenology of the Mind," then the "Philosophy of Law" again, and finally the logic, the natural philosophy and the philosophy of the mind in a veritable intoxication of comprehension and delight."

The lamentable sequel was that he forgot all about the young girl to whom he had to say good-by.

To Be Sure.

"Pa, what is the short and ugly word?"

"It depends on the circumstances, son. A word that is pleasing ordinarily can be quite transformed when spoken by a person who is in an ugly mood."

Must Be.

"You say that she is sending your letters back unopened. Then you may be sure that she has given you up."

"Why?"

"Well, it shows that her contempt is greater than her curiosity."

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LETTER FROM STATE CAPITOL

ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE BY REP-REPRESENTATIVE HULSE.

NEW HIGHWAY BILL OFFERED

Senate Out of Business All of Last Week While Members Visit Various State Institutions.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—No session of the legislature would be considered complete without the introduction of an anti-cigarette bill so Representative Charles A. Hulse, of St. Johns, presented a measure Thursday afternoon, making it unlawful to manufacture, sell or give away the paper cubes within the borders of the state.

It was believed that no one would have the temerity to come forward with an anti-cigarette bill this session, but the popular Clinton county representative did not hesitate to brave the laughter of his colleagues when he sent the measure into the legislative hopper.

Before Reading Clark Hayden had finished the first reading of the bill cigarettes were produced by members in various parts of the room and in a few minutes Representative Hulse was surrounded by a halo of tobacco smoke.

Representative Hulse defends his anti-cigarette bill by saying that he has no objection to pipes and cigars but that cigarettes stunt the growth and mental development of young men. However, the Hulse bill applies not only to young lads but men of mature years. Two years ago Representative Dunn, of Sanilac, introduced a similar measure and the chests of the anti-cigarette adherents swelled with pride when the bill passed the house. However, their period of exaltation was very short as the state affairs committee in the senate refused to report the bill out. It is not believed that the new anti-cigarette bill will pass both houses, but it will furnish plenty of fun for some of the members when it comes up for consideration if it is ever reported out by the state affairs committee of the house.

A bill providing for the examination, registration, regulation and licensing of chiropodists was introduced by Representative Charles Flowers of Detroit. Under the provisions of this bill the foot manucurist will be placed under the jurisdiction of the state board of health and will be licensed the same as barbers. It is understood that the bill will be amended later so as to include manucurists as well as chiropodists.

An important amendment to the highway laws of the state was introduced by Representative Charles Culver, of Detroit. It is Culver's idea that money for the construction of good roads should be apportioned not by the amount of good roads constructed but on the assessed valuation of the county. It is said that this would give the counties adequate return for the amount they are forced to pay in taxes.

Representative Schmidt of Reed City, offered an amendment to the tax laws so that taxes may be paid on a one per cent basis as late as February 10, wherein the one percent promptly begins January 10 at the present time. He would also extend the final day for the payment of taxes from March 1 to March 10.

It is Representative Schmidt's contention that the average man's income is at the lowest ebb immediately following the holidays and he believes that the business men as well as the working men will be interested in having the time limit for paying taxes extended a few days.

Under the present law police officers and sheriffs are not permitted to act as probation officers and Representative Warner of Balding introduced a bill amending the probation law so that sheriffs and police officers may serve in this capacity.

Representative D. H. Hinkley, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house introduced a bill at the request of Auditor General Fuller to reimburse the general fund for money drawn during the past two years by the three prison boards. Marquette prison has drawn \$6,000, Ionia \$126,000 and Jackson \$78,000.

Representative A. D. Edward of Houghton offered a bill making an appropriation of \$112,223.75 for the Michigan Home and Training school at Lapeer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, and \$48,164.87 for the following twelve months.

A petition was presented to the house signed by 150 tax payers of Ionia county asking that the state tax commission be abolished. The petition was signed principally by tax payers in Utica township and they set forth that the tax commission did not use good judgment in assessing their property. They insist that the tax commission be abolished entirely or steps taken to amend the law so that the state commissioners cannot

raise valuations as established by local assessing officers.

This was one of the reasons why the legislature extended the scope of operations and widened the powers of the state tax commission. It was contended that local assessing officers in the past have been too susceptible to local political influences.

While the other members of the senate have been out visiting the various state institutions during the past week, Senator Robert Walter, of Traverse City, has been sitting at his desk adjoining the senate from day to day and compiling figures tending to show that the senate's plan of visiting the various institutions before passing appropriation bills is a real good business proposition.

In 1915 the expense of sending the senate committees to visit the state institutions was \$7,706.03, while the house members spent \$1,593.53 making a total of \$3,293.56. The senators object to the use of the word junket in connection with their trips to the state institutions as they claim that the days of the junket have passed. Years ago the members of the junketing committee not only received ten cents per mile while on the trips and at the same time had passes from the railroads, but some one generally furnished meals and entertainment.

These days are forever gone. When a member of the legislature goes on a trip now he received nothing from the state but actual travelling expenses.

Senator Walter says that any good business man would be willing to expend \$3,500 to look over a proposition involving the expenditure of \$12,000,000, the approximately amount of the appropriations by the legislature two years ago.

It is said that the fire at the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint, which cost the state \$300,000, might have been prevented had the entire legislature committee visited the institution and followed the recommendations of the board of control. Only a few of the committee attended and the things needed to afford better protection against fire were stricken from the bill.

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